Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 06 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 07 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 06 Jan 2022 at 02:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable and cold weather for the next few days. Low confidence for the extent of snowfall across the north of the area on Thursday, otherwise high for the next two days.

Headline for Thursday 06 Jan 2022: Bitterly cold with snow spreading from the west, blizzard like conditions developing in places

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	50%	50%	50%	40%	50%

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Weather: Cloud and outbreaks of snow will soon spread from the west this morning although amounts of snow are likely to be variable. Becoming drier from early afternoon onwards, but snow and hail showers will then spread east for the rest of the day, and turning occasionally heavy by evening. Risk of coastal lightning after dark.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%

Visibility: Mainly very good around dawn with small amounts of cloud on the summits. Then low cloud down to 500 metres becoming extensive and lingering for the rest of daylight hours as snow soon arrives from the west. Some cloud breaks possible across Easter Ross but these will be unreliable. Cloud becoming much more broken from the west after dark.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	51/59 S	54/65 S	52/66 S	42/53 S	26/34 W	27/36 SW	26/34 SW
900	45/53 S	48/60 S	47/61 S	39/50 S	25/33 W	26/34 SW	24/33 SW
600	30/38 S	35/46 S	34/48 S	27/39 S	17/25 W	19/28 SW	17/25 SW
300	5/36 S	8/43 S	11/47 S	9/37 S	8/26 W	7/24 SW	7/24 SW
Glen	18/38 S	20/41 S	23/47 S	17/35 SW	11/21 W	11/22 SW	8/18 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-17	-4/-16	-3/-14	-2/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-4/-13
900	-4/-15	-4/-14	-2/-13	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-10	-4/-12
600	-2/-10	-1/-10	-0/-9	1/-6	-0/-6	-0/-7	-1/-8
300	1/-2	1/-2	2/-2	3/-0	1/-2	1/-2	0/-3
Glen	4/-2	3/-2	4/-2	6/2	4/0	3/-1	3/-0
Freezing Level*	300m	400m	500m	900m	500m	500m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe winter time conditions expected today. Blizzard like conditions developing at times with blowing snow and low cloud reducing visibility to near zero. Gusts to 70 mph on the highest tops until afternoon.

Forecast for Friday 07 Jan 2022

Weather: A bright and very cold day with occasional snow showers, these will be frequent and heavy in the morning. Becoming drier through the afternoon and evening as a ridge of high pressure builds from the west.

Maximum wind: Westerly gusts 30 to 40 mph on higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Outside of cloud and showers expect excellent visibility and great air clarity, although snow may be blowing around on the higher tops. Cloud lowering to 700 metres as showers pass by, otherwise many summits mainly clear of cloud

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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